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HUNGRY ARMY PARADERS

Marched Through Town to City Hall.

CALLED ON THE MAYOR

Assured Them He Would Do All in His Power to Give Them Employment.

ARMY LED BY JAMES EADS HOW

The Mayor Promised to Divide the Work Being Done for the City and Give Part of it to the Thinly Clad Men.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 15.—Hungry and out of work, 800 thinly clad men marched through the snow and cold to the city hall yesterday, seeking Mayor Wells in order to make application for his assistance in securing employment.

James Eads How, philanthropist and scion of a prominent family, who proudly styles himself a "hobo," led the procession and the Welfare Association, of which he is the founder and benefactor, formed the nucleus of the army.

While the hungry horde lined up in the city hall grounds, a committee representing the "army" waited on Mayor Wells. Mayor Wells assured the men that he would do all in his power to give them employment. "I cannot give you charity work," said Mayor Wells. "Under present conditions, the only thing I can do is to divide the work now being done for the city and give part of it to you."

This met with the approval of the committee and after its departure, Mayor Wells instructed Street Commissioner Travilla to prepare an ordinance calling for an appropriation of \$10,000 for street work.

WOOL GROWERS IN SESSION.

Result of Its Labors Not Given Out Last Night.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 15.—While neither Case J. Walsh, chairman, nor any other member of the committee on resolutions of the National Woolgrowers' Association, will give any intimation of the result of that body's labors tonight, it is stated on the authority of one closely in touch with the situation that the committee will tomorrow ask the convention to adopt a set of most searching resolutions against the administration's policy relative to public lands. In fact, it is the intention of the association to send to Washington during the present session of Congress three prominent sheep men, who will wage bitter warfare on the proposed legislation regarding grazing lands in the west. Because of his support of the President's action, Senator Warren, the present head of the organization, has lost all his former supporters except the Wyoming delegation and even in that there are dissenters. At the election tomorrow it is more than probable that the association will choose as its head Dr. J. M. Wilson, of Douglas, Wyoming.

NO BAIL SO GOES TO JAIL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Thomas Metcalf, who fired several shots at Samuel R. Hamill, the attorney, and one of the counsel in the Walsh case, yesterday, continued today to preserve a veil of mystery in which she wrapped herself immediately following the exciting incident. She was arraigned today and being unable to furnish \$1000 bail was committed to jail.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS.

Says Headless Duties Should Cease to Hamper Our Industries.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Governor Guild of Massachusetts, speaking last night at the National Boot & Shoe Manufacturers' banquet at the Hotel Astor, tonight, said:

"A demand will be made after the next national election for a special session of congress for the revision of the tariff in the interests of common sense. I am a protectionist. I believe that policy, more than any one thing, has built up the industrial domination of the United States; I believe that policy should be continued but the time has come when illogical and needless duties should cease to hamper our industries and our people."

GOVERNMENT TO BE TURNED OVER

HAVANA, Jan. 15.—President Roosevelt's declaration that the turning over of the government to the new Cuban president and congress must occur not later than February 1, 1909, was given out at the palace yesterday too late for publication in the afternoon papers. The news, however, was rapidly circulated throughout the city and was received everywhere with expressions of the keenest satisfaction on confidence in the determination of President Roosevelt to carry out his pledge to restore the republic at the earliest possible moment. The American officials unanimously agree on the practicability of President Roosevelt's progress.

MENTALLY UNSOUND

The Burden of Littleton's Argument.

MOTHER TO GO ON STAND

Littleton is Beginning at the Very Earliest Period of Thaw's Life and Will Introduce His Evidence in Chronological Order.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Adhering strictly to the promise of not to introduce other defense than that of insanity in behalf of their client, the attorneys representing Thaw at his trial today continued their examination of witnesses who swore that young Thaw at various times in his life appeared to them as irrational and mentally unsound. Practically all testimony was entirely new to the case and had to do with his acts down to the day of the tragedy itself.

Then came 10 men who sat on a corner's jury during the inquiry into Stanford White's death, all of whom declared that the defendant the day following the shooting acted irrationally. In the day's testimony there was more delving into the history of the Thaw family. Alfred Lee Thaw, of Richmond, the third cousin of the defendant, in taking the stand and telling of that taint of insanity which had caused his father and brother to die in the state insane asylums. Some of Thaw's alleged eccentricities which were revealed for the first time were related today by Christopher Baggan, steward of the New York Whist Club, by Miss Matilda Stein, telephone operator, and by August Weber, former butler in the Thaw household. Thaw spent a portion of the afternoon of June 25, 1906, at the whist club and at that time, a few hours before the tragedy, was pictured by the steward as being highly nervous and frequently exclaiming "It is awful."

He asked the steward to have a valuable package put into the safe and after the shooting the package was opened and found to contain three cigarettes wrapped in tin foil. District Attorney Jerome in cross-examining the club steward brought out the fact that Thaw played bridge whist there with prominent men. Witness said he was not supposed to know what Mr. Thaw, Mr. Gates, Mr. Schwab and others played for, but he was sure that nothing but mineral water was ever served at tables.

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MINISTERS RESIGNING

Japan Threatened With Political Panic.

NEW CABINET PROBABLE

Statesmen Unwilling to Accept Responsibilities Under Present Conditions.

EFFORT TO FILL VACANCIES

There is no Reason to Doubt That the Present Situation is Due Entirely to the Financial Problem—Immigration Question is Unaffected.

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—Any accurate prediction concerning the probable life of the Marquis Saionji's cabinet is impossible. The inability of the government to avert a climax and the resignations of the ministers of finance and communications has created a situation approaching a political panic. Even those best informed are unable to forecast tomorrow's developments with any degree of certainty.

A consensus of opinion is to the effect that the present either with double portfolios, or possible additions filling the vacant posts in the ministries of the interior and justice, will face the diet which opens on January 20th.

An effort is being made today to fill those vacancies, but a difficulty is encountered in securing the consent of statesmen to accept the responsibility under existing circumstances.

The opposition and even the friends of the government are apparently to force the government to appeal to the country. With an unpopular budget, the constitutionalists lack nine votes of an actual majority in the lower house. Reliable authorities think the constitutionalists will refuse to accept the government's financial policy, when the budget is presented. In this event, the cabinet will resign, the diet will be dissolved and the former budget will be continued until another cabinet is formed and a new budget is drawn and passed.

By such a method, the constitutionalists will be in a position to appeal to the country, and say they are not responsible for Premier Saionji's mistakes. They can also point to the fact that they repudiated a budget involving increased taxation, the suspension of public works, and the unnecessarily heavy expenditures for the army.

It is believed that with such a position the constitutionalists will secure a majority at the general elections and that the cabinet will be reformed by Marquis Katsura, the ex-premier, or possibly by Admiral Baron Gombel Yamamoto. The latter, however, is improbable.

There is no reason to doubt that the present situation is due entirely to the financial problem. The immigration question is absolutely unaffected, and had nothing to do with hastening the climax. It is firmly believed on all sides that the immigration question which exists with America and Canada will be settled amicably. In fact, since the present critical situation developed the immigration question has been hardly mentioned.

An interesting feature of the situation is the increasing influence of the commercial classes in the politics of Japan. Yoshio Sakatani, ex-minister of finance, is the son-in-law of Baron Shibusawa, who bitterly opposed the proposition to increase the taxation, in common with other prominent business men who were antagonistic to the continued heavy expenditures on the army

maintained at present, which it is claimed, is not warranted by the present international situation.

The presentation of a synopsis of the budget to the leaders of both houses which it had been arranged to do, suddenly postponed and it was announced that a change had been made in certain items.

It is unofficially learned that the estimate for the coming year amounts to about \$615,000,000 for expenditure and \$610,000,000 in receipts. This would make a deficit of nearly \$500,000, which the finance minister expected to pay by increased taxation.

AUSTRIAN NOBLEMEN ARRIVE.

Come to Attend Szechenyi-Vanderbilt Wedding.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A party of friends of the Austrian bridegroom and who will be guests at the approaching wedding of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt and Count Szechenyi, arrived yesterday on the steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie. They are Count Dene Szechenyi, the bridegroom's oldest brother, who is secretary of the Hungarian embassy at Berlin; the latter's wife, Countess Szechenyi; Count Anton Sigray who it is reported, will be the count's best man; Count Paul Esterhazy, an old companion of Count Szechenyi, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson O'Shaughnessy of the American embassy at Vienna.

LONE HIGHWAYMAN

Holds Up the Potter Valley Stage Coach.

DOES NOT STRIP HIS VICTIMS

Was a Gentlemanly Sort of a Fellow and Handed Back the Driver One-third of His Cash, and Then Tells Him to Drive On.

UKIAH, Cal., Jan. 15.—A lone highwayman held up the Potter Valley stage coach this afternoon near what is called Woleck near Wattenberger's. The robber was a gentlemanly sort of a fellow and evidently did not want to take all his victims had. The stage driver threw out his purse containing \$6 and the robber passed him back \$2 saying he did not need it all. Two passengers were assessed \$3.50 and one \$2.50. The robber then wished them good luck, and told them to drive on.

NEW BANK TO BE ESTABLISHED.

To be Located in Washington to Have \$100,000,000 Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The establishment of an "United States National Bank of America" is provided for in a bill introduced in the house today by Fomes, Democrat, of New York. The bank, as conceived, is to be located in Washington, City, and to have a capital of \$100,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares at the par value of \$100,000. Three-fifths of these shares are to be purchased by the United States treasury at par, the purchase money to be raised by the sale of \$60,000,000 bonds, payable in 50 years, and bearing 3 per cent interest. Two-fifths are to be offered at not less than par to National Banks of the country, to be paid for in gold coin. The bank is to open for business September 1st next, and cease to exist September 1, 1958, unless its life is extended by Congress. Branches are to be established in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, Denver, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Portland, Ore. The bank shall be governed by a board of 25 directors, elected by stockholders and the Secretary of the Treasury shall be chairman. The bank may issue additional notes in amounts not exceeding \$40,000,000 and such notes shall be available for general national bank circulation upon deposit of proper security. Four per cent dividends may be paid stockholders on the bank's earnings.

MONTGOMERY IS INDICTED

Was President of Hamilton National Bank.

LAX MANAGEMENT

Overdraft and Over Certification Have to Do With Acts Alleged.

TEMPORARY RECEIVERSHIP

The Court's Announcement Overjoyed the Depositors so Much That They Marched to Montgomery's Home Headed by a Brass Band and Cheered Him.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The grand jury today returned two indictments against William R. Montgomery, president of the Hamilton National Bank, charges, involving overdrafts and over certification, have to do with acts alleged to have been committed before Montgomery became president.

The Hamilton bank suspended October 23. Recently the courts decided that the receivership should not be made permanent and the overjoyed depositors headed by a band of music marched to Montgomery's home and cheered him until he responded in a speech in which he said his personal vindication as an officer of the bank would follow the investigation of the bank's affairs. At that time Montgomery had been accused of lax management by Receiver White. Montgomery pleaded not guilty and was released on \$50,000 bail.

IMMIGRATION QUESTION SETTLED.

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—The Canadian immigration question has been settled. The Japanese government has received notice that the report of R. Lemieux, the Canadian minister of labor is entirely satisfactory to the Canadian government and that it would accept in good faith a verbal promise of restriction of emigration of laborers relying upon the Japanese government to enforce the regulations which are outlined in its memorandum. Nothing now remains except the exchange of memoranda between the two countries.

CANT ENTER AUTOMOBILE RACE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Mrs. John Cuneo will not be permitted to drive a motor car in the stock car race which will be held over a 30 mile course in West Chester County in April. Mrs. Cuneo sent in a formal entry accompanied by a check for \$500, half the entry fee required. The committee in charge of the race promptly declined the entry. No reason was officially given, but it is known that the other contestants, of whom eighteen have already been entered, objected to the presence of a woman driver in the race. Mrs. Cuneo took part in the last Glidden tour, being the only woman to make the entry, driving her own car.

CHAPTER IN WALSH TRIAL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The final chapter in the Walsh trial began today when District Attorney Fletcher Dobyns began his final summing up to the jury. Previous to Dobyns' argument, John S. Miller and E. C. Richter of counsel for the defense had concluded their arguments in behalf of the banker Dobyns will probably finish tomorrow and the case will likely go to the jury early in the afternoon.

170 PERISHED IN THEATRE FIRE.

BOYERTOWN, Jan. 15.—One hundred and seventy persons perished in the Rhoades opera house Monday night, according to figures computed by the coroner today.

JURYMAN HAS EPILEPTIC FIT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—An epileptic fit put a sudden end to the trial of Rocco Quinto, at Long Island City yesterday, after the jury had agreed upon a verdict. Quinto was charged with abduction and assault. It is alleged that he enticed 15-year-old Minnie Ferrero from her home and kept her hidden for two weeks. The case had been finished and the jury had retired to their consultation room and had agreed on a verdict, when one of the jurors fell to the floor in a fit, brought on by the excitement of the trial. Judge Humphrey at once discharged the jury, holding that a verdict under such circumstances would not be legal.

NO REPLY FROM SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Senate has not received a reply up to today from the Secretary of the Treasury to its resolution calling for information concerning the financial situation as had been promised and in its absence Aldrich assented to the passage of Culbertson's resolution on the same subject. Without further comment the resolution was adopted. The Senate passed a joint resolution reducing from \$24,000,000 to \$11,000,000 the war indemnity from China. The remainder of the session was devoted to a discussion of the penal code bill.

CURRENCY REFORM

Commission to Meet Saturday Next January 18.

DISCUSSION TO BE THOROUGH

The Views of the Members Will be Outlined, and a Committee Probably Appointed to go to Washington and Call on Congress.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Currency reform legislation of a safe character, that will afford a remedy for the inelastic system held largely responsible for the recent financial strain may have its birth in Chicago.

The currency commission of the American Bankers' Association will meet here next Saturday. This commission will voice the currency reform ideas of the 10,000 members of the association. It will represent in a general way the bankers of the United States, metropolitan bankers, country bankers, etc.

The commission will then discuss the question thoroughly. The views of its members will be outlined and a committee probably appointed to go to Washington and impress these views upon Congress and the President. The meeting of the commission was called yesterday in telegraphic messages sent to each of the members by the chairman, A. B. Hepburn, president of the National Bank of New York.

DON'T WANT IT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—It became known today that the interests identified with the reorganization of the Knickerbocker Trust Co. had considered the name of George B. Cortelyou, among others to take the Presidency of that institution and that intimation, more or less positive in character has been conveyed to him of the consideration of his name. It was stated however that no response had been received but this statement was made before Cortelyou had given out the authoritative announcement that any tender or intimation of his coming to New York as president of this company had been definitely rejected.

LAND FRAUD CASES NOW ON.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—The time of the federal court today was taken up with the examination of the jurors to try the land fraud conspiracy case against ex-U. S. District Attorney Hall and Edwin Mays. When court adjourned the entire jury was selected and the decks will be cleared for action for tomorrow morning's battle.